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REMARKS

The present response is intended to be fully responsive to all points of objection and/or rejection raised by the Examiner and is believed to place the application in condition for allowance. Applicants assert that the present invention is new, non-obvious and useful. Prompt consideration and allowance of the claims is respectfully requested.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-31 are pending and have been rejected.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 13, 19, 22, 24, 26, 28 and 29-31 have been amended herein. Applicants respectfully assert that the amendments to the claims and specification add no new matter.

Objections to the Specification

The Examiner stated that the specification is lacking the heading "Brief Description of the Drawings". In response, Applicants have amended the specification to add this heading, as well as other headings that were missing from the application. These amendments are editorial in nature and do not introduce new matter.

CLAIM REJECTIONS

35 U.S.C. § 112 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention in view of a narrow range or limitation that falls within the broad range or limitation in the same claim. In particular, the Examiner has noted this indefiniteness in claims 1, 6, 8, 13, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 28.

Claims 1, 6, 8, 9, 13, 19, 22, 24, 26 and 28 have been amended to overcome the indefiniteness deficiencies noted by the Examiner. In addition, claims 8, 9 and 13 have been amended herein to correct errors in Markush claim language. It is respectfully asserted that the foregoing amendments merely addresses matters of form and does not change the literal scope of the claim in any way or result in any prosecution history estoppel.

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Applicants respectfully assert that these amendments render the claims proper under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and request that the rejections be withdrawn.

35 U.S.C. § 101 Rejections

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter.

In response, Applicants have amended claims 29-31 so as to recite limitations to claims directed to a composite material. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 29-31 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 be withdrawn.

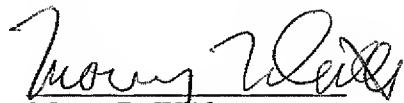
Conclusion

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants assert that the pending claims are allowable. Their favorable reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner have any question or comment as to the form, content or entry of this Amendment, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number below. Similarly, if there are any further issues yet to be resolved to advance the prosecution of this application to issue, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned counsel.

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Respectfully submitted,



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